

At the present time, young Americans volunteer to enlist for military service. To maintain our present military operations, more people may be needed. This is not a good opinion because military services may cost more money than usual, most families do not want their relatives going into that field, and the military might be something that people would not like to do.

The first reason why this is a bad opinion is that, the cost of military services may be higher than expected. At this time, the prices of everything just rapidly grow so therefore, military would be just as high. The military may also cost more because of wars and many other things in civilization today.

The second reason why this is not a good decision is because, it would make it pretty hard for families to let their relatives go. Worrying about your family everyday is hard enough, but letting somebody go for two years is stressful for most people. People would have to worry more thinking about how their relative is doing, or how they are, and

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When they are coming home, or if they are going to make it home, most people feel sick to their stomachs when they have been away from family so long.

Lastly, some people feel that serving in the military is just not right for them. At this point in life, people want to settle down and start families, but if they joined the military, they would not have time to do the things they want to do in life. In some cases, people find themselves still wanting to have fun and stay out with friends all through the week, but the military would not allow them to do things like that.

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**Score Point: 4**

This response reflects proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer is clearly opposed to requiring all Americans to perform two years of military service. Key ideas are presented to support this position (the military may cost too much money; families may not want to see their relatives to go; some people just feel the military is not for them). Although the development of the first key idea is weak, the remaining two ideas are adequately developed. The response is organized and demonstrates adequate facility in the use of language (two years is stressful; feel sick to their stomachs; maintain present military operations). Further development, stronger illustration of the key ideas, and greater syntactic variety would be required for a higher score.